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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
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VIA: Air pouch  
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DISPATCH NO. WELA-4807

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TO : Chief, FDM

DATE: 14 November 1950

FROM :

SUBJECT: GENERAL-

SPECIFIC: Johann SANITZER

Reference: LCND-7389; MGBA-7060

Source: Jackbox

1. [ ] 7389 reported the results of a name check on subject with Jackbox.
2. The source has now furnished more recent information which has come to their attention and which is as follows:
3. On 19 August 1950 the "Hannoversche Presse" (SPD paper Hannover) quoted a report by the HQ Austrian Police that SANITZER (or SANNITZER)—referred to as former head of the Gestapo in Vienna—had asked six of his former colleagues to join him in the Soviet Zone of Germany and participate in duties similar to their work during the war years. This report went on to say that he had been sentenced after the war to life imprisonment but was later released and went to Germany where he was now stated to hold a high position in Bautzen with the "Volkspolizei".
4. In September 1950 a report was received to the effect that SANITZER was a leading official in the DDR Ministry of State Security and was intending to go to Western Germany in the near future to contact a number of people there."

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